

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity

- Position Title:** Headwater Habitat Evaluation Intern (3 - 4 positions)
- Dates of Internship:** June to August, 2014.
- Hours:** 20 - 30 hours per week; Monday through Thursday
- Location:** Homestead - 671 W. Streesboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264
- Duties:** Team of interns will locate and classify headwater streams within Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) using physical habitat techniques according to Ohio EPA's Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI). Information gathered will be used to assign a primary headwater stream potential use classifications. Park staff and volunteers will train interns in HHEI techniques.
- Skills Required:** Background in biological science with interest in macroinvertebrates and stream ecology. Experience with Ohio EPA's HHEI protocol or stream survey techniques and handheld GPS units helpful. Self motivation, conscientiousness, and ability to work without direct supervision and with other team members.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, driver's license, and reliable transportation required. Local candidates only. Must be a current Kent State University student.
- Salary/Benefits:** Travel Stipend provided by the KSU's BSCI department, may be in the range of \$1200-\$2100, depending on the number of hrs worked per week and the length of the internship. Students will be paid in two installments, the first at the midpoint and the last at the completion of the internship. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Results of internship will be practical field experience in a National Park using existing scientific state protocols to identify headwater streams and their potential use classifications. Park staff will train interns in field protocols, data collection, and use of GPS technology. Network with biology and resource management professionals.
- How to Apply:** Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by March 15, 2014. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. Please request an application from Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu or pick up a copy at CHH 256.

Option: In order to receive internship credit towards major degree, applicant will need to fill out a separate BSCI internship for credit application if chosen for the internship with CVNP. Course registration fees do apply. Also, if interested in receiving ELR credit, student will need to submit the ELR application. Please see Gail Spalsbury for further details.

